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Local Matters.

Republican Mass Meeting.

The Republicans of this section are pretty thoroughly aroused this spring and are going into the gubernatorial canvass with spirit and determination. The City Committee have completed arrangements for a grand mass meeting to be held in the Opera House on Tuesday evening next when a rare treat is in store for those who admire eloquence and appreciate able and convincing argument. Upon this occasion Hon. A. W. Beard, formerly collector of the Port of Boston and now State Treasurer of Massachusetts, will deliver the chief address of the evening and treat largely upon the tariff question with which he is perfectly familiar. The citizens of the adjoining towns of Jamestown, Middletown, and Portsmouth will be equally interested in Mr. Beard's address and we hope to see them at the meeting in large numbers. Hon. Royal C. Taft, the candidate for governor, General Horatio Rogers, the candidate for Attorney General, and Mr. Rathbone Gardner, of Providence, will also be present and speak. Seats will be reserved for ladies, and there will be excellent music. We hope to see a crowded house.

Commandery Visitation.

There was a large gathering of the Sir Knights of Washington Commandery Wednesday night, the occasion being the annual inspection of the Commandery by Em. Wm. H. H. Soule, of South Boston, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The inspecting officer was accompanied by R. E. Em. Sir Geo. B. Allen of Lynn, Em. Commander, Em. Sir Torance E. Boynton of Charlestown, Grand Lecturer, Em. Sir Charles Harris, of Boston, Past Grand Lecturer, Em. Sir Charles E. Pierce, of South Boston, Past Commander of St. Omer Commandery, and Sir W. S. Sampson of St. Omer Commandery. The order of the Temple was conferred by the officers of the Commandery after which complimentary remarks were made by Em. Sir Soule, Allen and Boynton. The company was then invited to the dining hall where a generous collation was served after which interesting addresses were made by Sirs Harris, Cotton, Franklin, Littlefield, Gilpin and others.

Mother Goose Entertainment.

The society of juveniles known as Careful Builders gave a Mother Goose entertainment at Odd Fellows Hall Thursday evening which attracted more people than the spacious hall would accommodate. This somewhat unique entertainment opened with a grand march, followed with a most interesting drill by the Loyal Legion, under command of Master Frank Bliss. After the drill, Columbia (Lena Peters) and Yankee Doodle (Stanton Palmer) introduced to the audience Mother Goose (Eva Scott), who in turn presented the several succeeding characters. The programme included tableaux, temperance recitations, etc., all the several parts of which were most excellently taken and the audience expressed its appreciation in constant and enthusiastic applause. The proceeds of the entertainment were for the benefit of the W. C. T. U.

The new schooner Edward W. Young, which has been built at East Boston during the winter for this port, will be launched on Wednesday or Thursday of next week. Her dimensions are: 160 ft. keel, 33 1/2 ft. beam, 12 ft. deep in lowest place and 566 tons tonnage.

The theme of the sermon at the Second Baptist church to-morrow afternoon is to be "The Builders." The evening service in the vestry will be one of interest of Temperance. Strangers are especially welcome at all the services.

Mr. Fred W. Vanderbilt has been in town this week.

ARTILLERY INSPECTION.

The Annual Visitation of General Dyer and Staff Attended by a Grand Entertainment at Masonic Temple.

The annual inspection of the Newport Artillery Company was made Monday evening at Masonic Temple, which place had been selected to gain more room for the various evolutions incident to inspection and for the better accommodation of those always anxious to witness the achievements of this ancient but ever popular military organization.

The company assembled at the armory on Clarke street early in the evening and under command of Col. Jere W. Horton, headed by the Newport Band, marched to Masonic Temple where they were enthusiastically received by the large audience already assembled. The arrival of Adjutant General Dyer and staff soon followed and after the usual exchange of courtesies between the officers the inspection began. The arms and accoutrements were found in "ship-shape," as they always are on such occasions, while the company went through the manual of arms and the various manoeuvres of marching, etc., in a manner which reflected the greatest credit upon each and every man. Especially fine was the loading and firing.

At the close of the inspection exercises the State officers were given a reception which was participated in by Mayor Powell, President Read and other members of the city government, Col. Howard Smith of the Governor's Staff, Lieut. McMahon and Cortright, of the 4th U. S. Artillery, Capt. Parker and Lieut. McQuinn and Keefe, of Co. B, 2d Bat. R. I. M., Capt. R. R. Carr of Co. C, U. T. A., Providence, Lieut. Rose and Butts of the Providence Light Infantry, and many others, including ladies. A substantial collation was then served and music and dancing followed.

The Half-Hour Club.

There was an unusually large attendance at the Half-Hour Club meeting on Thursday evening when "Abraham Lincoln" was the theme treated. It had been arranged that Rev. F. F. Emerson should read the principal paper, but owing to the illness of that gentleman that portion of the programme could not be carried out. Under the circumstances several gentlemen consented to deliver brief addresses, and did so, and these, in a very great measure, seemed to fill the gap. An interesting biographical sketch was read by the secretary—Miss Lizzie Hammett. The gentleman who spoke on the subject were Gov. Fay, Rev. Messrs. Stevens and Van Horn, Col. F. G. Harris, Hon. W. J. Swinburne and others. Appropriate selections were read by Mr. L. C. Carr, Miss Friend, Miss Ordway, Miss Smith and others, and the musical portion of the programme was rendered by Miss K. L. Clarke, the Misses Grandall, Mr. C. Scott, Mr. J. L. Frank and others. Refreshments were served and the meeting was one of the most pleasant and profitable of the series.

The Democratic Ticket.

The Democratic convention which met in Providence Monday nominated the old State ticket with the exception of Lieut. Governor Col. Honey declined a renomination and Col. Howard Smith was chosen in his place. They also nominated as delegates to the Democratic National Convention, Hon. Isaac Bell, Jr., of Newport, Hon. Charles H. Page, of Scituate, Col. F. L. O'Reilly, of Woonsocket, Hon. Olney Arnold, of Pawtucket, Geo. T. Brown, of Providence, Jesse Metcalf, of Providence, Col. T. E. Pierce, of Wickford, Mr. Thomas Spencer, of Warwick. The Alternates are: Newport county—W. J. Underwood, Bristol county—William B. Nichols, Providence county—H. J. Carroll, G. J. Hendricks, F. A. Rhodes, D. B. Pond, Kent county—Amasa Sprague, Washington county—W. C. Clarke.

Masonic Courtesies.

Monday evening a party of some thirty of the Masonic Fraternity of Newport made a friendly visit to Eureka Lodge of Portsmouth and assisted in the conferring of the third degree. The visitors were very fraternal and received a thoroughly pleasant evening was passed. After the work of the lodge a collation was served in the ante-room, and the Newport visitors took up their homeward march where they arrived at an early hour in the morning.

The friends of Mr. George L. Wilcox will be glad to learn that he has graduated with honors in the department of Dental Surgery at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. He was awarded two of the best prizes in the competition which took place among the students during the closing exercises. Mr. Wilcox will settle in New York, he is a brother of O. F. Wilcox, of this city.

NEWPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Annual Meeting.

The Newport Historical Society held its annual meeting Monday evening, President Brinley in the chair. The committee, to whom the matter of participation in the proposed Mason Memorial at New London and the signing of a petition to Congress regarding the commemoration of the discovery of America by Leif Erickson, reported adversely on each and the report was accepted. The committee on the continuance of the Historical Magazine reported that no definite conclusion had been reached, and the annual reports of President Brinley, Librarian Tilley and Treasurer Barker were read and received. The latter showed the receipts for the year to have been \$470.00 and the expenses \$467.52, and that of the Librarian gave the following collections for the year: Books, 63; pamphlets, 99; magazines, 54; newspapers, 163; manuscripts, 63; photographs, 8; relics, curiosities, etc., 37; making the accumulations at present:—Books, 728; pamphlets, 1,023; magazines, 354; newspapers, 4,768; manuscripts, 545; portraits, 18; photographs, 161; relics, etc., 766. The number of visitors to the rooms during the year was 2,768.

Mr. George W. Wales was elected a life member of the society, Professor Raphael Pumpelly and Captain H. D. Scott were made active members, and Messrs. Sheffield and Turner were chosen a committee to solicit members from other town in the county.

A highly interesting and valuable paper on the French in Rhode Island prepared for and read at this meeting by Dr. H. R. Storer, will be found in full on the sixth page of this paper.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—Francis Brinley.
First Vice President—George Gordon King.
Second Vice President—J. M. R. Southwick.
Recording Secretary—H. B. Wood.
Corresponding Secretary—W. F. Sheffield, Jr.
Treasurer—Ralph R. Barker.
Librarian—R. H. Tilley.
Curator of Coins and Medals—Howard Smith.
Auditing Committee—George W. Carr, Joseph P. Cotton, R. S. Franklin.
Committee on Lectures—The President.

Unity Club.

Last Tuesday evening there was a regular literary meeting of this Club, at which two papers were read. The first was by Dr. H. Goodwin Mackaye on "Catherine of Russia," and the second by Miss Austen (read by proxy) on "Maria Theresa." These female celebrities of the 18th century were skillfully delineated, and their influence on the seething European political history of that period, was outlined. Dr. Mackaye's paper was remarkable for its incisive wit, and epigrammatic style. Miss Austen's essay was a careful and fair summary of the historical world in Prussia, Austria, and Hungary during Maria Theresa's times. It was announced that the entertainment committee had arranged to have a social evening on the 3rd of April, when Goldsmith's Comedy of "She stoops to Conquer" would be read by members of the Club. Musical items would complete the programme. Admission by ticket, two to each member, one for his or her own admission, and the other for a friend. It would be necessary to limit admissions to ticket-holders that night, as dramatic readings always drew a larger audience than usual.

The Republican Principles.

The Union Republican Club of this city held an enthusiastic mass meeting at Bryer's Hall Monday evening in ratification of the Republican state ticket nominated last week. The hall was well filled with colored citizens and others who listened with deepest interest to a stirring address upon the political issues of the day by Mr. W. H. Bonaparte, the young colored orator of Boston. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Brackett and preliminary remarks were made by Mr. W. F. Robinson, president of the club, Rev. H. N. Jeter and Mr. C. F. D. Fayweather.

Miss Charlotte Dickson, who had for some time filled the position of cook at the Brynion House, died very suddenly Saturday morning of rheumatism of the heart. She was a member of the Gallican Fishermen in Baltimore and the local branch of that order took charge of the funeral which was solemnized on Sunday.

Rev. S. W. Stevens, pastor of the Second Baptist church, has accepted the invitation extended by Charles E. Lawton Post to deliver the memorial oration on Decoration Day. Mr. Stevens is a strong and eloquent speaker.

The mass meeting to be held in the Opera House on Tuesday evening to ratify the nominations made by the Republican convention promises to be a grand success. Hon. A. W. Beard is one of the best known of New England men, is of commanding presence and a splendid speaker. Everybody should hear him.

Mr. Henry L. Davis left here for New York at the beginning of the late blizzard and was five days getting to New London. The train he was on occupied twenty-four hours in covering four miles.

A Golden Wedding.

A very pleasant time was enjoyed last Monday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Pitman, 81 Connection street, it being the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day. They were married March 18, 1838, by Rev. James A. McKenzie, and their children and grandchildren were unwilling to let so pleasant an occasion pass without reminding them of the event. So when the morning train arrived the absent ones joined with the Newport kindred and took full possession of the home of the worthy couple. Mr. William S. Price, brother of Mrs. Pitman, was detailed to carry out the programme, and although not a benedict he performed the part assigned him to the satisfaction of all. The time was passed in social conversation and in rehearsing the changes of the many years passed by Mr. and Mrs. Pitman until 1:30 when dinner was served, to which ample justice was done by all present. A quartette was then formed with Miss Ann E. Little, a member of the Mozart Glee Club of Providence, and some fine singing was enjoyed. Further refreshments were served and the company singing "Blest be the Tie that Bind," left for their respective homes in full knowledge of having had a joyful time and wishing for many returns of happy wedding days. It is perhaps needless to say that Mr. and Mrs. Pitman were kindly remembered in tokens of love; the presents were of a useful and substantial kind.

Bids For Tunneling Ruggles Avenue

The committee on Streets and Highways met yesterday and opened the bids for drilling Ruggles avenue, for the Ochre Point sewer. Michael F. Murphy the lowest bidder for tunneling is of this city. The bids received are as follows:—

Shaw & Whittemore,	\$17.43 per lineal ft.
John Douglas,	12.50 "
John Waters,	12.50 "
Evans & Ackerman,	15.00 "
John Sullivan,	15.00 "
W. H. Hillman,	15.00 "
W. H. Hillman,	12.10 "
Kilbridge & Hale,	15.00 "
A. G. Douglas,	11.50 "
Charles Hart & Sons,	11.00 "
Michael F. Murphy,	9.00 "
John Sullivan,	8.25 "
Whittaker & Wright,	14.00 "

In 1800, just twenty-eight years ago, Thomas D. Stoddard built a pleasure boat for Wistar Morris, of Philadelphia, one of our regular and constant summer visitors. This boat has been used for fishing and sailing every season since, and is now in as good order as many boats of two years old. Mr. Stoddard has about completed for the same gentleman another centre-board boat, with well, of the following dimensions: Length over all 21 feet; breadth 8 feet 2 inches; depth 3 feet draught aft, 2 feet 6 inches, forward, 1 foot 2 inches; depth of cuddy 4 feet 6 inches; and her cockpit is 14 feet 4 inches long and 3 feet 11 inches wide. She has copper air-tanks under seats and forward, and is plainly finished.

Col. and Mrs. Wm. A. Stedman spent Sunday in Newport. The Colonel's account of the blizzard in New York is quite graphic. A few days after the blizzard the Colonel measured the size of a snow bank near the Fifth Avenue Hotel. He could by standing on his toes and reaching as high as possible reach the top of the bank with his cane. This he reports as by no means the highest snow bank in the city. A friend of his who was stalled on an Elevated Railroad train, had to pay twenty-five cents for the privilege of going down a ladder into the street below.

Fire was discovered in the porter's room on the Old Colony steamer Bristol, Sunday afternoon, while the steamer was lying at her dock in Fall River. The flames were soon extinguished but not until two staterooms and some of the saloon furnishings had been considerably damaged. The boat was brought to Newport and laid up for repairs and her regular spring overhauling, the Pilgrim taking her place on the line.

The choir, assisted by other members of the Shiloh Baptist church, will give a sacred concert Tuesday evening, April 3, at the church on School and May streets. An excellent programme has been arranged, including Easter anthems, sacred solos, duets, trios, quartettes and readings, with Prof. Fredericks as pianist. The proceeds of the entertainment will be used for the benefit of the church.

Services at the Shiloh Baptist church tomorrow will include a discourse by the pastor, Rev. H. N. Jeter, upon "A Double Portion of the Holy Spirit," at 10:45 a. m., and a Sunday School concert and review in the evening at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Gen. G. K. Warren has rented her cottage on Gibbs avenue to E. J. Knowlton of New York for the season.

Rev. A. P. Mendes, rabbi at the Jewish Synagogue on Toure street, has rented the Kings cottage on Brinley street for the summer.

Two brothers named Carey were arrested yesterday on suspicion of stealing a pair of shoes from Geo. H. Popple's shoe store on Thames street.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

Rev. James M. Cleary's Lecture at St. Mary's Church Thursday Evening—His Elloquent Appeal Moves a Large Audience and 500 Persons Repeat the Sacred Pledge—A Complimentary Serenade Follows the Lecture.

Rev. James M. Cleary, ex-president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, delivered a lecture on temperance at St. Mary's church Thursday evening before an audience of over 600 persons. The lecture was given under the auspices of Father Mathew's and St. Joseph's T. A. Societies of this city, which societies attended in a body, marching from their respective halls to the church headed by their drum corps. The Reverend Father held his large audience spellbound by his eloquence for over an hour, and at the close fully 500 arose and repeated after him the sacred pledge to total abstinence. His remarks, in substance, were:

"The class of people that I most want to convince of the evils of intemperance, are those who use liquor as a social custom. We want to show them that the total abstainer always has the advantage over the moderate drinker, and that everyone would be so much the better if he never had spent a dollar for liquor. There is in the human heart a sort of instinct, opposed to strong drink. The common sense of the individual suggests to them that it is folly to use liquor as a beverage, and of course daily experience tells people how dangerous it is; how many men, otherwise virtuous, honest and trusty have been and are being brought down to the greatest distress on account of this dangerous appetite.

You will hear drinking men offer all manner of excuses for drinking. First they say they must have a drink before breakfast to give them an appetite, another before going to work to give them courage, and so on. This continues until no excuse is made, and only the burning appetite is there, which nothing can satisfy and nothing control. If we do not inculcate a strong public opinion against these social customs, by which intemperance has been so long fostered, and until there are many who simply regard the drunkard as an object of pity, and not as an object of loathing, to be laughed at rather than condemned, it is hard to predict what the end will be. This is a most serious mistake. For when this state of things exists, intemperance loses its horror among a Christian community.

I understand that drunkenness is not the only vice we must avoid; but there is no other vice or sin that is so utterly hostile to the principles of religion as this sin of intemperance. It is a vice that is utterly unbecoming to a Christian people, and inexcusable in a Christian nation. The higher part of a man's nature teaches him self-control. Here is this one vice that has eaten its way into our midst, that demoralizes everything our self-denying religion has taught us. It is the one vice particularly that degrades our young manhood, because it takes away their very reason. King David sang in his songs that God made man but a little lower than the angels and crowned him with honor and glory, and by our religion we have learned to honor our manhood through Christ, who called himself our brother. We understand our dignity; ought to know something of our value in the sight of God and man. We have reason, by which we may know; we have intelligence, by which we may communicate our thoughts to others; we have a will that is free, by which we may choose between good and evil; but this one vice of intemperance, this sin of drunkenness, does what no other sin dares to do—demolishes our reason; it destroys our intelligence; it takes away our manhood and teaches us our worth. It is the one vice that is most demoralizing and demoralizing among men.

When a man's will is gone and his reason gone, what hope have we that in that man we can build up the virtues that should be the adornment of a Christian character. We Catholic people should be the most outspoken enemies of the drink traffic, and on all the influences that have cast intemperance among our people. Our religion condemns this beastly vice, as only it should be condemned, as a heinous sin against our God, against our souls, our dignity and honor. Our church is the church of the poor because it is the church of Christ, and Christ himself loved to gather the poor about him. Now there is no class of people who suffer so much on account of intemperance as the poor. They suffer misery, poverty, heartache and sorrow, all on account of intemperance. Of course when I speak this way, I don't wish to be understood as insinuating that the more favored classes do not get drunk. They are guilty of this vice as well as the poor, but they do not suffer so much. They are not deprived of the necessities of life on account of their extravagance. The poor man cannot afford the time he spends around the saloons. He cannot afford to buy liquor.

I know it is no easy matter to lead the masses up to this standard of self-denial. Nevertheless it is not a hopeless problem, and I believe that under the divine influence of religion and the blessing of God we may be able to arrive at a very satisfactory solution of the question.

The large audience was dismissed with benediction of the blessed sacrament and St. Joseph's society was escorted to its hall by Father Mathew society, after which the latter returned to St. Mary's parochial residence, where Father Cleary was a guest, and gave the renowned lecturer a grand serenade. Pleasant remarks were made by Rev. Dr. Grace and Rev. Fathers Cleary and Doran.

Mr. Joel Bassett was presented with a handsomely framed portrait of himself Monday evening by those who have been benefited by his temperance work here. The presentation was made by Mr. James Balthaz at the rooms at the foot of Cannon street. Pleasant remarks were made by others.

Newport in 1775.

(Continued.)

Neport Mercury of October 9, 1775. Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Philadelphia, to his friend in this town, dated Sept. 21, 1775. "Nothing now in politics but what the public papers will inform you of. A few days ago I returned here from Baltimore, in Maryland. The people there are very spirited.—The Tories quit the town fast.—Their flying one Christie 2500 sterling, and obliging him to leave the province for his Britannia principles, has already answered many valuable purposes. I wish your Newport may likewise soon be rid of a race of animals so pernicious to human society, and detested by all good men; but I am fearful these demons increase among you.—Unhappy-land!—Bid defiance to that monster W., who delights so much in the slaughter of innocent women and helpless-children: Rouse your forces, and vindicate your rights against a Scotch jumbo. Fear not their threats, for if Heaven is for you, what can Hell do?"

Capt. Thomas Holland, in the brig Rhoda, arrived at Nantucket last Monday, who sailed from Providence, on the last day of August on a whaling voyage, and on the 11th of September in lat. 41, long. 62, was dismasted by a hurricane; the next day he saw the sloop Reliance, Capt. Abisha Luce, who had been dismasted in the same gale, and had his decks torn up, but was likely to get in. Capt. Holland informs us that a number of vessels have arrived at Nantucket, which had been dismasted, with the crews of some which had been lost, and that on the 28th he spoke with the Mercury man-of-war, bound to Halifax, as he imagined, by her course.

Last—died, at Swansey, Mr. Henry Bowers, Jr., son of Henry Bowers, Esq., of Bristol. Mrs. Bradford, consort of William Bradford Esq.

Newport Mercury of October 16, 1775. London, July 22, 1775. A private letter from Boston says, No words can describe the dreadful scene of misery of that unhappy town. The shrieks of women, the cries of the children, the dying groans of the wounded, and the want of provisions, would extort a tear from even the eye of a Nero.

New York Sep. 28, 1775. Extract of a letter from London, dated July 8, 1775. It is not England, but only eight Ministers of State with the King and his tools in Parliament, that are fighting against you, and use every unfair means to deceive the people of England. I understand that Port Ticonderoga is to be retaken by Carleton, who has 1,000 Scotch Highlanders gone over to him, commanded by Col. Murray, with 1,000 more who are now enlisted in Scotland. This you may depend on.

Newport, October 16, 1775. Last Monday the men-of-war, after firing on Bristol and Popquash, went into the ferry between Portsmouth and Bristol, and fired near 200 shot at the houses and people on each side; 3 shot struck the house of Capt. Earl near the ferry, which is all the damage done there by the men-of-war. On the whole, they fired at the windows without hitting it. From thence some of the ships, tenders and transports, went and surrounded Gould Island and took a few shrapnel; others went to Hope Island, and got 2 or 3 young cattle; thence they proceeded to Dutch Island in Narragansett Bay, where were upwards of 100 rams, part of which some people from Narragansett took off, while the vessels lay there; the remainder, about 60, the enemy took away. On the whole, the fleet, by cruising and firing about our bays, and harbors, for near a fortnight, have got about 40 head of cattle, great and small, and 180 sheep, including the cattle bought of the Bretons, and 60 rams; the 150 sheep mentioned in many papers of last Monday being a mistake; for we are well informed they got but 6 sheep from Breton's Neck.

The same day the Glasgow fired a number of cannon upon the town of Jamestown, without doing any damage, except beating one stone out of a house.

The men-of-war, tenders, &c., came down the bay and anchored in this harbor, last Tuesday. Within 14 days past the men-of-war have taken out, and cut away, the masts, bowsprits, &c., of a number of small sloops and ferry boats. Last Friday in the afternoon a barge, with a number of hands from one of the ships in this harbor, landed at the N. W. part of this town, took a boat which lay hauled up on the shore, and was carrying her off, when the owner got his musket, ran down to the shore, and fired upon the barge, but did no execution; upon which the Glasgow, and one of the tenders, fired several shots at the owner of said boat, but missed him.—A point about from Glasgow entered one side of Mr. Matthew Lawton's house on the Point, carried away part of a beam inside, and fell down without hurting any person.

Besides the London news inserted in this paper, there are many other ridiculous and nonsensical articles about 10,000 troops from Germany, 20,000 Russians, 400 horses, so many Scotch, so many Irish, so many sloops, frigates, ships, and the—knows what, to be sent over against poor Boston and other parts of America; not one fourth part of which is great Britain able to perform. The present time will convince the Americans of the necessity of building their sea-port towns as far up rivers as they conveniently can, so as not to be liable to the threats and insults of piratical ships of war.

From good authority we learn that Tom Gage is highly condemned in England for his conduct, and particularly for burning Charleston, for which, "tis not improbable, he may lose his head soon after he arrives in England; which will be much too slight a punishment for such a savage wretch. The distress of this town is so great, so many people have left it, and the communication with the country is so much interrupted, that the printer cannot collect cash sufficient to pay for the quantity of paper required to supply all his customers; he is therefore, under the disagreeable necessity of discontinuing the sending out this paper as usual, till God shall see fit to put a stop to the present horrors and hellish tyranny, oppression and plunder; but, in the mean time, he intends to print half a sheet, once a week or oftener, as long as he can, containing all the most material intelligence respecting the present measures, to be sold for ready money. JAMES C. SWAN. (To be continued.)

COAL.

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CITY BRIEFS.

Notings of Newport and Newporters.

Mr. Samuel Giles has returned from Texas.

Mrs. Gov. Wetmore was in town early in the week.

Mr. W. W. Stewart, of Fall River, has been in town this week.

Mr. Ogden Goelet is expected here with his yacht Norseman next month.

Hon. Isaac Bell, Jr., is expected at his Newport home next week.

Mr. Gardiner B. Reynolds is still confined to his house though much improved.

Col. W. A. Stedman and family have been in town this week. They will take possession of their Newport residence for the summer early in May.

An original pension has been granted to Albert G. Brown of Middletown, R. I., late of Co. G, 3rd R. I. Regiment, through the agency of Dr. T. W. Wood.

C. E. Lawton Post, G. A. R. will have a camp fire at their hall next Wednesday evening, and a cordial invitation to attend is extended to all veterans of the late war.

Preaching at the First Baptist church by the pastor Rev. E. P. Fuller on 10:45 a. m. Young people's prayer meeting at 7 p. m., subject "Everlasting Life."—Preaching at 7:30 p. m. subject "Ell.".

The members of Coronet Council No. 63, Royal Arcanum, celebrated the tenth anniversary of their organization last evening in a quiet but pleasant manner.

Miss Julia Anderson, Newport's well known actress, will play in the Opera House on the evening of April 20. She is to be supported by a strong company. Her play will be "Inez, or a Wife's Secret."

John D. Pike & Bro. are building for Mrs. John O. Peckham, on the late site of the Historical Society building on Barney street, from their own plans, a two-and-a-half-story dwelling house, 25x40 feet, with all the modern improvements.

Mr. J. J. Flood has secured for his benefit night, April 6, Miss Maud Banks in "Her Evil Genius." This will be the first dramatic entertainment after Lent which fact, with the object and so popular an actress, should completely fill the Opera House.

Can you complacently contemplate capital clam chowder and other considerable collections of comestible comforts, carefully consult contiguous column and call at the Middletown Methodist vestry Wednesday evening. Common clothes considered comely. Come in cheerful companies.

Dr. H. R. Storer's paper on The French in Rhode Island, delivered before the Newport Historical Society at its annual meeting Monday evening, is printed in full on the inside of this week's Mercury and will be found highly interesting as well as instructive reading.

The General Assembly was to close its session last night. The chief commendation of this session is its brevity. Very little business has been transacted, but much harmful legislation has been defeated.

News of the Week in Brief.

The volcano Popocatepetl is reported as displaying signs of activity. The strike on the Abolition system is ended.

Ex-Gov. Horace Fairbanks of Vermont died in New York on Saturday. A house has been purchased in Washington for the widow of Gen. Hancock. The Canadian government will yield to the people of Manitoba on the railroad question.

Serious reports about the health of Emperor Frederick are again rife in Berlin.

The President has nominated M. Stockholmer of Indiana to be commissioner of the general land office.

State Treasurer Tuley of Kentucky is accused of defaulting to the amount of \$140,000. He has fled.

Denle Kennedy saw the President yesterday and told him that he would not get the electoral votes of California.

A windstorm did great damage in East Tennessee and parts of Georgia on Tuesday night.

Iowa Republicans yesterday organized an All-Iowa Brigade for the Chicago convention.

The Bell Telephone Co. has ordered St. Louis subscribers to the Pan Telephone Co. to cease using instruments other than the Bell.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain has refused the baronetcy offered him in consequence of his services in negotiating the fisheries treaty.

The Massachusetts house Tuesday, 100 to 92, with 18 pairs, passed to be engaged the bill providing for license suffrage for women.

The supreme court at Washington decides that the Western Union Telegraph Co. must pay its taxes in Massachusetts.

Emperor Frederick is expected to proclaim an extensive amnesty at once. He has made several appointments of political interest.

The Central Iowa strike is ended. It is said now that the Burlington strikers have effected a combination with the switchmen and brakemen.

The supreme court of the United States Monday decided the great telephone suit, thoroughly establishing the validity of the Bell patents on every point.

Emperor Frederick's voice is greatly improved. His quietude has relieved the congestion of the throat. His condition yesterday was the best since the operation.

The rushing rivers have promptly begun their spring work. Several railroad and highway bridges in central Massachusetts have gone down, and in the West—particularly at Racine, Wis.—much property has been damaged.

The Cuban fast mail South-bound on the Savannah, Florida & Western Railway went through a trestle, 72 miles south of Savannah, on Saturday. Twenty-four were killed and many more injured.

Kiss me, darling, for your breath is just as sweet as new-mown hay; Kiss me, darling, for your teeth are free from tartar or decay; Kiss me, darling, for you won't forget me on your ZOOZODONT.

The Atmosphere of Love is a pure, sweet breath. This ZOOZODONT is one of the results of using ZOOZODONT, which not only invigorates and preserves the teeth, but renders the mouth as fragrant as a rose.

SPALDING'S GLUE will mend anything except a broken heart.

J. W. Watson, to whom the authorship of "Beautiful Snow" is most generally ascribed, is a tall, straight man of seventy, who is often seen about the streets of New York.

If there ever was a specific for any one complaint, Spalding's Little Liver Pills are a specific for sick headache, and every woman should know this. Only one pill a dose.

Forty-five years ago David Down, Vice-President of the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad, worked as a porter for \$45 a month.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS. Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of cutting teeth? If so, send at once and get a bottle of Mrs. W. D. Hooper's SWEET FOR CHILDREN TEETHING. Its value is incalculable. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Call for it, or write for it, and there is no mistake about it. It cures dysentery and diarrhea, regulates the stomach and bowels, cures wind colic, softens the gums, and induces and gives tone and energy to the whole system. Mrs. W. D. Hooper's SWEET FOR CHILDREN TEETHING is pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female nurses and physicians in the United States, and is for sale by all druggists throughout the world. Price 25 cents a bottle.

New York Produce Market. Flour weak and quiet. Sales 15,000 barrels. Prices of Market Flour a cent higher and firm. Sales 480,000 bushels. Corn 1/4 of a cent lower. Sales 1,200,000 bushels. Oats 1/4 to 1/2 a cent lower. Sales 13,000 bushels. Beef dull. Pork dull. Lard heavy. Butter firm. Sugar steady. Molasses firm. Petroleum firm. Rice steady. Coffee steady. Hides heavy. Freight dull. Spirits Turpentine quiet. Wool steady. Tallow firm.

Water town Live Stock Market.—March 20. At market for the current week—Cattle, 1675; Sheep and Lambs, 2785; Swine, 6787. Prices of Market Cattle.—A few choice \$7.00; second quality \$6.25; third quality \$5.50; fourth quality \$5.00; fifth quality \$4.50. Prices of Store Cattle.—Working oxen \$4.00; \$5.00; \$6.00; \$7.00; \$8.00; \$9.00; \$10.00; \$11.00; \$12.00; \$13.00; \$14.00; \$15.00; \$16.00; \$17.00; \$18.00; \$19.00; \$20.00; \$21.00; \$22.00; \$23.00; \$24.00; \$25.00; \$26.00; \$27.00; \$28.00; \$29.00; \$30.00; \$31.00; \$32.00; \$33.00; \$34.00; \$35.00; \$36.00; \$37.00; \$38.00; \$39.00; \$40.00; \$41.00; \$42.00; \$43.00; \$44.00; \$45.00; \$46.00; \$47.00; \$48.00; \$49.00; \$50.00; \$51.00; \$52.00; \$53.00; \$54.00; \$55.00; \$56.00; \$57.00; \$58.00; \$59.00; \$60.00; \$61.00; \$62.00; \$63.00; \$64.00; \$65.00; \$66.00; \$67.00; \$68.00; \$69.00; \$70.00; \$71.00; \$72.00; \$73.00; \$74.00; \$75.00; \$76.00; \$77.00; \$78.00; \$79.00; \$80.00; \$81.00; \$82.00; \$83.00; \$84.00; \$85.00; \$86.00; \$87.00; \$88.00; \$89.00; \$90.00; \$91.00; \$92.00; \$93.00; \$94.00; \$95.00; \$96.00; \$97.00; \$98.00; \$99.00; \$100.00; \$101.00; \$102.00; \$103.00; \$104.00; \$105.00; \$106.00; \$107.00; \$108.00; \$109.00; \$110.00; 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The first woman doctor in Mexico has lately been honored with a complimentary bull fight for her entertainment.

may differ with owners is considered in selecting fowls, and to meet this requirement either Wyandottes, Plymouth Rocks, Brown or White Leghorns, Light or Dark Brahmas, Dominiques or some favorite variety is chosen.

ness to keep clean can save time and labor by having them washed with a mop which has been dipped in boiling hot water and soda. A good deal of soda should be put in the water and allowed to dissolve. It is astonishingly effective.

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